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## TORNADO WRECKS OKLAHOMA TOWN; FLOODS MENACING

Streams in the Southwest Are Higher Then Last Year and Kaw Is Dangerously High.

HAILSTORM DAMAGES CROPS.

Many Trains Are Waterbound in Kansas and Traffic All Over thè State Is Delayed.

PRECAUTIONS AT KANSAS CITY

Packers Move Articles Which Might Be Damaged and Little Work Is Done in the Big Plants at Armourdale.

Lawton, Ok., June 4 .- A tornado demolished part of the little town of Walters, near here. One woman was killed and twelve injured.

The dead:

Mrs. Thomas Payne, near Walter. The known injured:

Mrs. J. W. Mill, near Walter, fatally, G. Brown and family of six, near

Walter; are all more or less seriously hurt. The southwestern part of the county was visited by a halistorm that damaged crops to the extent of geveral thousand dollars.

Continued heavy rains in this part of the Klowa and Comanche Nation have turned all streams into torrents and the valleys are inundated.

OKLAHOMA CITY FLOODED. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Oklahema City, Ok., June 4.-The portion of this city north of the Rock Island Railway and west of Robinson street, for a distance of a mile and four blocks wide. is covered by water from one to five feet deep. All residences in this district are flooded and the inhabitants were compelled to move out in boats and on rafts.

In the downtown district hundreds of besements are filled. Thousands of dol-lars damage was done to property and

All railroads entering the city are de-layed on account of washouts, and no trains will arrive or leave here to-day, of the indictment. Wichita, Kas.

The Canadian River is out of its banks and rising rapidly. People in the low-lands are moving to higher ground to er. It will reach this place to-night, Several traction engines are in use to-day to pump water out of the basements of ho d business buildings. KANSAS SUFFERING.

fallen in Southern Kansas within the past ours and the flood conditions in the valley of the Neosho and Cottonwood rivers continue to grow worse. The streams are higher than at any previous time in twenty years, not excepting the rise a year ago, and they are still rising.

The Kaw, which caused the real damage from Kansas City west to Manhattan in the flood of 1903, continues to come up slowly at Topeka, Lawrence and Kans City, but as yet no alarm is felt over the result of the flood along this stream. Although the Missouri River at Kansas City is high and rising slowly, it is believed it will be able to carry off the great amount of water coming this way from the west

As the streams which are the highest are those off the Kaw watershed, and drain into rivers south of Kansas City, tever serious damage is done must effect Southern Kansas territory, and will not do material damage to Kansas City, Lawrence and North Topeka, which towns suffered the brunt of last year's

Railway service through the Southwest are stalled in Kansas. The damage aldy done by the flood is immense. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of bridges have been destroyed and growing crops have been greatly damaged. As far as known, but two lives-a wom-

drowned at Florence-have been reported

PACKERS CAUTIOUS. The packers are taking precautions to avoid flood damage. The plants in Ar-mourdale are much lower than the rest of the city, and water would reach them long before it covered Armourdale proper. All articles which would be damaged water were removed last night from the of last year. To-day only a part of the force in each plant is at work. Very littie killing is being done in any of the

Between four and five hundred persons various rallroads embraced in the ans, Mile Holdsworth, C. E. Ellison, Wilthe various railroads embraced in the Frisco system got into town late last night, after being water-bound at Fort Scott from five to twenty hours.

At Humboldt, in the oll district, the Necesho River is still rising slowly. In the night it rose eight inches. A steady downnight it rose eight inches. A steady down-pour of rain continued all night, and the weather is very threatening this morning. The river to-day is dust thirteen inches higher than it was a year ago yesterday. The Webster Refinery is under water and will suffer much damage. The Neosho River bridge is threatened. All trains are stopped, and no mail has been received for

BIG DAMAGE AT DECATUR.
Decatur, Ill., June 4.—Twenty-five thousand dollars damage, has been done by a storm in a radius of twenty-five milea.
Beyeral houses were wrecked and dozens of barns destroyed. Near Mount Pulaski the farmers' elevator was blown down.
At Moweaqua Mrs. Frank Leaf's babe was blown out of the mother's arms and hadly burt.

### **COMMISSIONER SEIBERT** INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Excise Official Charged With Conspiring to Obstruct and Hinder the Administration of the Laws.

CHIEF KIELY ONLY WITNESS.

Excise Commissioner James M. Seibert was indicted by the April Grand Jury yesterday morning on a charge of conspiring to obstruct and hinder the administration of the laws. Chief of Police Kiely is the only witness named in the indictment, although "others to the Grand Jurors unknown" are mentioned.

The indictment is the outcome of a set of rules promulgated by the Excise Commissioner on May 24 and sent to the Chief of Police May 28,

The indictment very fully sets forth the contion and powers of Mr. Seibert, pointing out that he is empowered to issue dramshop licenses in the city of St. Louis and to revoke the same if the holder theref violates any law.

The indictment also says that the law of Missouri makes certain provisions for the governing of saloons, as to the hours which they may keep open and the muwhich they may allow in their places of

The indictment continues to cite these laws, particularly section 2011 of the Revised Statutes, with reference to the Sun day closing, in which keeping saloons open on Sunday is expressly forbidden, and section 3018, which forbids the playing of mupool and billiard tables and games of

CHARGES IN INDICTMENT. The indictment then relates that on May 28 the Excise Commissioner sent out a set of rules, bearing date of May 24, in which he said that saloons should be kept closed between the hours of 1 a. m. and 7 a. m. be allowed at any hour on Sunday; that no person under age should be allowed to play pool, billiards or tenpins and that no music should be allowed after midnight on other days than Sunday.

All these things, the indictment says,

connive to defeat the laws provided for the management of dramshops, and, therefore, the Excise Commissioner is guilty of a conspiracy to hinder and obstruct the enforcement of the laws. Shortly after the indictment was turned

into Judge McDonald, Mr. Seibert appeared and gave bond for \$500, with Morton Jourdan as surety. He refused to discuss the case, and referred all inquirers to the attorney. The case will be tried in the Court of Criminal

From the Four Courts Mr. Selbert went to the Southern Hotel, where he met a number of his personal and political friends. Governor Dockery was sitting in the lobby talking with Colonel John C. Elliot of Boonville, Martin L. Clardy of

for Fourteen Indictments.

bling machines on board the excursion

by the April Grand Jury, They are Cap-

tain Harry Brolaski, Sr.; Captain J. M.

Captain Alfred Grissom, Captain William

They are charged with lessing space to camblers and with allowing gamblers to

El G. Lewis was indicted on a charge

of promotion and advertising a lottery.

He is connected with the World's Fair

Contest Company, and is said to have

conducted a guessing contest on the at-tendance at the World's Fair. Theodore Froeligh of No. 524 Pine

street and Arthur Harmes of No. 514

Pine street, from whose places gambling

machines were taken last Wednesday,

were indicted yesterday on the charge of

allowing gambling machines to be oper-

SALOON PETITIONS.

near the Rock Church is responsible for fourteen indictments. The indictments are

brought on the ground that the person

indicted are not legally entitled to be

license, and among the signers of his pe

tition are the following persons, who are indicted: The charge is conspiracy. The

saloon is to be located at No. 2618 Finney

Those indicted are Joseph Badaracco Louis J. Cicardi, William J. Rose, William F. Rose, J. C. Bernard, Louis J.

The report of the Grand Jury follows: GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

certainly be decreased from 50 to 15 per cent. We could discover no good reason why those in authority should make laws and rules of their own, disregarding the statutes. We are strongly of the opinion that the office of Excise Commissioner of the city of St. Louis should be made a salaried one, thus eliminating the motives for issuinr licenses to parties who are not fully qualified under the law to such privilegas. We further recommend that that portion of section 2507 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri of 1850 of the law, as it now exists, be changed to read: "Until a majority of the assessed real setate tax-paying citisens and guardians of minors owning real property in the block or square in which the dramshop is to be kept.

neighborhood.

liam Shelly.

signers of a petition for a saloon in the

contest for a license for a saloon

operate on boats under the control of the

H. Morgan and Captain James P. Bo-

CAPTAINS MUST ANSWER CHARGE

Alleged to Have Leased Space on Their Craft for Gamblers-

Following the confiscation of the gam-

boats plying from the harbor of St. Louis J. Mullanphy Cates, Giraldin Bros. the captains of five vessels were indicted & Cates Realty Company, No. by the April Grand Jury. They are Cap-

Contest for a Saloon License Near Rock Church Responsible



JAMES M. SEIBERT,

Excise Commissioner, indicted on charge of conspiring to hinder administration of

"I did not even so much as read the harge," he said, "I knew nothing of it until one of the newspaper reporters told He was asked if he had anything to say

"Nothing, at this time," he replied. With all respect, I must decline to say

anything concerning the matter."

Afterwards Mr. Seibert talked with Gov. ernor Dockery for a few minutes before the latter and United States Senator Stone took the train for Jefferson City. Election Commissioner John M. Wood was among the number who heard Mr. Selbert tell of the indictment and the causes which led

FRIENDS OFFER ASSISTANCE. Mr. Selbert remained with Judge John M. Wood the greater part of the day, going from the Southern to the Planters On every side he met with friends who offered to assist him in every way possible All together, nine attorneys offered their services free of charge. Both Democrats and Republicans asked if he wished any more bondsmen, and offered to qualify in amounts from \$25,000 to any sum re

To all these pledges of friendship Mr. Seibert replied gratefully. In discussing the situation with one party of his friends tears coursed down his cheeks.

A. F. Allen of Kansas City, president of the Allen Investment Company, told Mr. Selbert that he was ready to qualify Elliot of Boonville, Martin L. Clardy of the Missouri Pacific and Attorney Frederick W. Lehmann.

Mr. Seibert met Mr. Lehmann and State Senator John F. Morton and spoke briefly a friend than ever."

Daniel F. Addington, president St.

Louis Physicians' Supply Company, No. 4644 North Market

Louis Abrams, teller Boatmen's

Bank, No. 4529 Morgan street.

Barr Dry Goods Company, No. •

Timothy F. Cleary, vice president • Cleary Investment Company, No. •

Eugene L. Isaacs, general agent Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company, No. 5111 Morgan street. James P. Farrell, contractor, No.

Andrew J. O'Connor, examiner Ti-

Malcolm Macbeth, real estate, No. •

4348 Maryland avenue.

Ralph Simpkins, secretary Union •
Press Brick Company, No. 3820 •
Washington avenue.

Patrick O'Donnell, contractor, No. •

Arthur L. Thompson, real estate, No. 4551 Westminster place.

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shall sign a petition asking for such licenses,

eto."

SOCIAL-EVIL LAW.

It is the unanimous sentiment of this jury that this evil cannot be eradicated, and, therefors, it must be controlled, for which reason we recommend that a proper and efficient "social-evil law" be enacted and enforced. We further would have this law so framed that it be within the province of medical and police surveillance, and that a certain district be specified, " " as, under existing conditions, we find that, far from suppressing this evil, it

we find that, far from suppressing this evil, it has gotten beyond all bounds and invaded the

We investigated thoroughly the granting of permits for a large number of temperary hotels. We also personally inspected some of the places and find that contractors and parties in control

3651 Cook avenue,

2108 North Broadway.

#### ·LOSS ENORMOUS Flames Started by Explosion Cause Ruin of Great Plant and Damage of

STOCK YARDS ARE BURNED.

\$1,000,000.

Whisky Flows in Streams From Warehouse and Covers Ground to the Depth of One Foot.

CATTLE ARE SUFFOCATED.

Firemen's Fighting Against Seething Cauldron of Fire, Which Is Fed by Spirits, Is Ineffectual-Third Disaster in One Year.

Peoria, Ill., May 4.-An explosion which occurred in the eleven-story warehouse of the Corning Distillery, the second largest in the world, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, empletely wrecked the building.

The ruins immediately took fire an communicated to three adjoining build-ings, which were burned to the ground. Ten men were buried beneath the ruins and burned to death. Six others were seriously injured. The loss on buildings and whisky and spirits stored will approximate \$1,005,005.

At 7 o'clock this evening the fire had pread to the stock-yards district, where dozen large cattle barns, filled with cattle for market, were burned.

The list of the missing follows: Fred Knoll. Louis Behrend, John Hobecker

Joe Zimmerman, William Finley, Jr. E. Brown. M. Crowl.

John Leppin The injured are: Adam Werner, Ed-ward Werner, Elmer Hogan, J. B. Marshall, James M. Miller, Allie Feinberg. With the fall of the big warehouse the With the fall of the big warrante third catastrophe within less than a year overtook the distilling company, and a company of lives, variously estimated at from nine to fifteen, were hurled into eternity, while many other persons were in-

jured, more or less seriously. Two other explosions followed in rapid

other explosions followed in rapid silon, but the cause cannot yet be nined.

There were two candidates for State Committeemen—J. M. Earh and Sheriff Harlow. The convention instructed the delegation for the latter. The resolutions indorsed Folk, Cook, Allen and Woodson, and strongly indorsed the administration of Governor Dockery. They indorse the official record of Senator Stone and recommend that he and Governor Dockery be elected as delegates at large to the St. Louis convention. The Kansas City and Chicago platforms were heat. An alarm of fire was sent in The wildest excitement instantly pre-valled in that section of the city, and in an incredibly short space of time the im-mense plant was surrounded by thousands OF ALLOWING GAMBLING ON BOATS of persons, who, however, were unable to get close to the structure on account of the intense heat. An alarm of fire was sent in at 4:19 o'clock, and when the first ma-chines reached the scehe it was quickly realized that the department had the fight of their lives ahead. At 4:45 o'clock a general alarm was rung in.

WAREHOUSE A CALDRON.

The entire department set to work with a will. The warehouse, containing in the neighborhood of 20,000 barrels of whisky, was instantaneously a reething caldron, and it was known that no one inside the

The warehouse, in crushing the smaller whisky from the bursting barrels flooded everything in that section. Large streams ran toward the river, and in a short time there was a foot of whisky in the cattle pens east of the warehouse. It was burn-ing furiously, and the cries of the 8,300 steers, chained fast, was pitiable to hear. Their distress lasted but a few moments, however, for they were soon dead, either roasted or sufficiently the deadly fumes. They were the property of Dood & Kiefer of Chicago, and F. C. White & Co. of this city were the managers,

fod for the flames. They are two structures of good dimensions, and both of them were practically destroyed. The flames threatened the mill and elevator just across the track, where the costly machinery is installed.

However, the firemen made a winning fight here. A high wind was blowing the fiames in direction of the Monarch Distillery. For a time it was feared that the fire would sweep along the entire river bank. However, the work of the firemen began to tell, and at 7 o'clock the fire seemed under control.

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WHISKY FLOWS IN STREAMS. Elmer Hogan was at work in the warohouse when the collapse came.

He was washed out through a break in the building by the big stream of whisky, and carried toward the river a distance of nearly seventy-five feet before being lodged against a fence, from which he managed to escape before the fire overtook him. He was so badly injured that he cannot recover.

Fred Knoll and William Finley, who had charge of the men employed in this department, had just left the building when the explosion and collapse came. Knoll was crushed to the earth, and almost instantly the place where he had gone down was enveloped in fiames.

It is believed that all the Government men have escaped. The gaugers, fifteen of whom worked at the warehouse, had completed their work and had departed about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

There were three Government storekeepers in the building, but it is reported all of them got out. They were show Feinburg, Henry Wagner and J. M. Miller.

Warehouse B, where the explosion that

POLICY SHOPS.

The prevalence of gambling has been carefully investigated, and we find numerous policy shops, slot machines, card games of various descriptions and lotteries being conducted under the guise of guessing contests. We asked the assistance of the Police Department, which was promptly and cheerfully given. The "gambling squad," under pressure, have done efficient work in carrying out our suggestions, with the result that they have selzed quite a number of various kinds of gambling devices. We have no hestitation in saying that the "gambling squad" will suppress this svil if it is held responsible for its actions in this branch of the service and is not hampered by persons high is authority, which appears to this in the neighborhood or so, we bear spiritz.
Warehouse A and the cistern-room was a three-story brick building, 100 by 200 feet. It contained in the neighborhood of 52,000 gallons of spirits.

In the two fermenting rooms, which were 100 by 150 feet, were eighteen tube, with a capacity of 1,000 bushels of mash each. They were all filled, and contained about 5,000 gallons of spirits each. All this went up in fiames and added to the general loss.

general loss.

The house of Dan Giese burned, and he and his family had a miraculous escape. Immediately after the fall of the big warehouse his home was enveloped in fiames, and he was unable to get any of his furniture out. The residence of John McDonald, close by, was also destroyed, though he managed to rescue his household goods.

#### COOK AND ALLEN KILLS TEN MEN; GET FOUR COUNTIES

Texas, Cedar, Wright and Barton Will Vote for Them at Convention.

FOLK IS FAVORED IN ALL

Allen Gets Instructions in Scotland County, Mitchell Getting Votes for Secretary of State.

Six Missouri countles yesterday took actions preparatory to the Democratic State conventions. They were Scotland. Bates, Texas, Cedar, Wright and Barton In all o fthe counties except Scotland, which declared for Folk several weeks ago ,the Circuit Attorney was almost unanimously indorsed. The delegates of all the counties are for him.

Albert O. Allen, candidate to succe himself as Auditor, either received instructions in all the counties or is favored by the delegates elected.

In Scotland County the delegation was

instructed for Mitchell for Secretary of State, nI the other counties the candidacy of the present Secretary of State, Sam B. Cook, is favored.

In several counties delegates were elected to the Joplin and St. Joseph conventions. In nearly all the counties, where delegates were given instructions for del-Governor Dockery was mentioned.

CONTEST IN BENTON COUNTY. Cook and Allen Secure Instructions After a Hot Fight. REPUBLIC SPECIAL,
Lamar, Mo., June 4.—The Democratic

mass meeting held here to-day was the scene of one of the hottest political fights in the annals of the county. The organization Democrats and the extreme Folk men ontested every point from the time Chairman Thompson of the Central Committee got the meeting to order. The former won every point.

The first contest was over chairman. S. P. Finley, the antimachine candidate, received 170 votes, while Judge B. G. Thur-man, the candidate of the other faction,

ceived 170 votes, while Judge B. G. Thurman, the candidate of the other faction, received 171.

The organization leaders then offered a motion instructing the delegation to be elected to vote for Joseph W. Folk for Governor, Sam B. Cook for Secretary of State, Albert O. Allen for Auditor and Woodson for Supreme Judge. This motion carried, and then came the contest over delegates.

The vote was by ballot and there were three ties, but finally the organization men succeeded in electing the whole delegation. The delegates are Doctor G. T. Thompson, Smith, Hong, H. C. Chancellor, T. E. Thompson and S. P. Finley, The latter was run upon both tickets.

The fight in convention was even carried to the election of delegates to the convention at St. Joseph, the same side winning out in this contest by a decisive majority. These delegates are Circuit Clerk R. E. Casement, Arthur Aull, W. C. Warner, Judge B. C. Thurman and Doctor S. H. Duckstt.

There were two candidates for State.

indorsed.

William J. Bryan was personally complimented, and every Democratic vote in the county was pledged to Joseph W. Folk upon the sit of next November.

After remaining in session for five bours the meeting finally adjourned. Joseph W. Folk, Sam B. Cook, Albert O. Allen, Rube Oglesby and Mesors. Sallee and Major were all present.

While the delegation was not instructed on Railroad Commissioner, it is favorable to Oglesby.

HEARST WINS IN WASHINGTON. County Convention Instructs Delegates in Pavor of His Candidacy.

Nashville, Ill., June 4.-The Washington County Depocratic Convention was held in the courthouse in this city this afternoon, and resulted in a victory for the

noon, and resulted in a victory for the Hearst followers.

The State delegates were instructed to vote for him for the presidential nomination. The business of the convention was conducted in a harmenious and highly satisfactory manner.

The selection of county officials resulted in the naming of F. M. Verner of this city as State Attorney and Doctor H. W. Wolf of Dubois as County Coroner. For the position of Circuit Clerk and Surveyor no nominations were made, and the County Central Committee was empowered to fill the vacancies.

fill the vacancies.

Judge Charles B. Thomas of McLeansbore, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and Albert Watson of Mount Vernon, candidate for Attorney General, were indicate for Attorney General, were indorsed, and the delegates instructed to vote for them in the State Convention.

COOK WINS IN TEXAS. Folw, Allen, Majors, Rubey and Bronaugh Will Get Votes. REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Houston, Mo., June 4.-Township meet ings were held in the different townships of Texas County to-day to elect delegates to the County Convention to be held here

to the County Convention to be held here next Saturday.

The County Convention will elect delegates to the various State conventions.

Delegates to the State Convention will be instructed according to the Democratic primary of May 7, and will be for Folk for Governor, Rubey for Lieutenant Governor, Cook for Secretary of State, Alien for Auditor, Cowgill for Treasurer, Majors for Attorney General, Bronaugh for Railircad Commissioner, Woodson for Supreme Judge and Peers for Judge of the St. Louis Court of Appeals.

BATES COUNTY FOR FOLK. Delegates Are Elected to Attend REPUBLIC SPECIAL Butler, Mo., June 4.-The Democrats of

ing to-day. The convention will meet here Monday. Every township elected a Folk delega-

tion in this (Mount Pleasant) township. Twenty-one delegates were elected, headed by Judge W. W. Graves. Bates County will instruct its delegates for Folk for Governor, Woodson for Su-preme Judge. Timmons for Appellate Judge and De Armond for Congress.

Clay County Selects Delegates. Louisville, Ill., June 4.-The Democrati

Louisville, Ill., June 4.—The Democrats of Clay County, in mass convention in this city to-day, selected the following delegates to attend the State Convention at Springfield: Joseph McKnight, C. L. Farris, Charles Hank, Fred Webstef, T. B. Smith and R. A. Bwen. JaR. Williams of Carmi was indorsed for President, Judge A. M. Rose of this city for Congress, Twenty-fourth District; Albert Watson of Mount Vernon for State Board of Equalisation. Judge Rose was empowered to select his own delegates. Judge Shewell of Carmi spoke.

#### GENERAL KUROKI IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS.

No Confirmation of the Report Is Received, However, at St. Petersburg, Where the Rumor Is Discredited-Japanese Rout the Muscovites Three Times in a Day in Neighborhood of Saim Atsza-Rennenkampffs Fam ous Cossack Cavalry Retires, Leaving Dead on the Field.

RUSSIANS BEGIN CAMPAIGN OF FIRE AND PILLAGE IN KOREA.

Paris, June 4.—A dispatch from St. CHARGE RUSSIANS WITH CHARGE RUSSIANS WITH PROPERTY OF WHITE PARTY OF WHITE an unconfirmed rumer is circulated there that General Kuroki has been | ed Japanese soldiers who have arrived captured by the Russians. NO OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE CAPTURE.

St. Petersburg, June 4.-Nothing is known in Government circles here tonight regarding the rumored capture of General Kuroki, the authorities having received no news from the front since the announcement of the fight at Saim Atsza. It is pointed out that news of such great importance would not be held back a moment if it had been re-

RUSSIANS ROUTED THREE TIMES IN A DAY.

Tokio, June 4.-General Haraguchi, in ommand of the Japanese forces south of the Yalu River, telegraphs from Seoul that an infantry reconnoissance, dis-patched from General San, struck a patrol of Cossacks at Munch-Hyan yesterday and dlled five of them. The commander of the Japanese forces

outh of the Yalu River telegraphed from Seoul to-day news of a series of fights north of Pu-Lan-Tien, about forty miles north of Port Adams, Liao-Tung Peninsula, Monday, received from Japanese eavalry scouting in the vicinity of Chu-It was learned that Cossacks had been

ocated at Telissu and the Japanese thereupon dispatched infantry and cavalry, which defeated and pursued them. The Russian force consisted of three squadrons. At Chang-Chia-Tun this force was otned by two additional squadrons, and the Japanese again attacked and defeated

Five companies of infantry and a hat-tery of horse artillery joined the Russians at Lun-Wang-Miso, where the Japanese attacked for the third time and the Rus- | service.

MISUSE OF WHITE FLAG. . Nagasaki, Japan, June 4.-Woundhere from the Liao Tung Peninsula attribute the heavy casualties at Nan-Shan Hill to the Russians' al-

leged misuse of the white flag.

....... sians fell back to Telissu, where the Japanese and Russian cavalry continued in contact Monday night. RENENKAMPFF SATS

THAT HE WITHDREW. St. Petersburg, June 4.—The War Office has received news of a sharp fight twenty miles north of Saimatsza, north of Feng-Wang-Cheng, June 1, in which six Cossacks were killed and twenty-two wounded. The Japanese losses are not

Five companies of General Renenkampff's Cossacks discovered Japanese detachments at Fen-Chou-Ling Pass, half way between Salmatsza and Ajludjan.

The Cossacks dismounted and attacked

on foot, but owing to the difficult nature of the ground, and the strong defensive position held by the enemy, and the latter's stubborn resistance, the attack was not pressed, and the Cossacks drew off.
No particular importance is attached at detachment of the enemy, it being be-lieved that General Kuroki is keeping his flank well protected in order to rid himself of the spying eyes of the Co

Since the receipt of General Stoessel's report the general staff is convinced that the Japanese losses in the fighting about Kin-Chow were greater than offic seriously wounded were included in that category. There are indications that both of the commanders are pursuing this plan. as the wounds made by the small-caliber, high-velocity bullets used in modern warfare, unless they reach a vital spot, heal quickly and in a few weeks most of the wounded men are again ready for active

France Uses Excitement of Annual Pilgrimages to Secure Release of Perdicaris.

Alarmed Over Probable Effect/ of American Squadron and

Favors Its Withdrawal. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, June 4.-Intense religious excitement prevails at Tangier on account of one of the annual Mohammedan pilgrimages, and because of the presence there of seven American warships, sent to back up diplomatic demands for the release of Ion Perdicaris, kidnapped by Raisuli, a bandit.

Rear Admiral Chadwick cabled the

Navy Department to-day that the pres-ence of the American warships has a salhas arrived at Tangler and that an Enganswer to European criticism that the United States acted too vigorously in making a naval demonstration at Tangler rotiations for the release of the captives will be pursued with fresh vigor within few days, when the religious festival

now in progress has concluded. The ceedingly busy in its endeavors to influence Raisuli to release the captives on less onerous terms than the exorbitant monetary and political ransom he has The Shereef of Wezan is regarded as the most potent medium between the French Government and the bandits, and it is be-

rect descent from Fatima, the beloved to work better at a time of intense re-ligious feeling like the present than here-The impediment which this religious festival constitutes makes the Perdicaris Stone by Bulgarian brigands. The efforts of the United States to communicate with

ly blocked by the frequent religious fes ment momentarily to a halt. Marietta, which yesterday was at Gib-raltar for supplies, has returned to Tan-

FRANCE FEARS FOR INFLUENCE

is understood that France would view favorably the withdrawal of some of the

## HEARS PHILIPPINES MAY GO TO JAPAN

Report That United States Might Cede Islands Causes Much

ITALY SENDS A WARSHIP, UNPLEASANT NEWS TO RUSSIA

Said French Government Is Kuropatkin Ready to Advance Toward Port Arthur, but He Cannot Until He Has Disposed of Kuroki.

> SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS RE-PUBLIC AND THE NEW YORK HERALD St. Petersburg, June 4. - (Copyright. 1904.)-Much comment is heard here upon the report that the United States Government is considering the possibility of ceding the Philippines to Japan under certain conditions, Such an arrangement would naturally be exceedingly unpleas-

ant to this country. From the front General Kuropatkin reorts that he is now satisfied that he has enough troops to advance, but he cannot do so until he has disposed of General Kuroki's force, which is daily growing stronger and apparently has not any intention of attacking the Russian main force. General Kuropatkin is now in a position to carry out his plans for haras-

sing the enemy. Large and small bands of Comacks are heing sent out Among them one band 4,000 strong is annoying the Japanese landing at Pitzewo. Owing to this the enemy is doing everything to clear Di and is also landing troops at Blue Bay, five versts west of the interior harbor at Port Arthur. It is estimated here that, owing to the hilly nature of the country, the task before the Japanese of siege guns into position will take at least The news received here is becoming

nore meager every day. FOR MITCHELL AND ALLER.

Scotland County Delegates Instructed EPUBLIC SPECIAL

Memphis, Mo., June 4.-The Democrats of Scotland County, in mass conver conventions Jefferson City, Joplin, St. Joseph and St. Louis.

The meeting was called to order by Doctor N. A. Thompson, chairman of the County Democratic Committee. Judge N. M. Pettingill was selected chairman of the convention, and Lee P. Roberts secretary. A committee of ten, one from each township, was appointed to select the

delegates.

The following were recommended by the committee and elected, as follows: State Nominating Convention, Jefferson City, R. M. Pettingill, S. A. Miller George Cox. W. H. Davis; Joplin. A. S. Myers, George Sayers, J. W. Bullard, Secretary Mullins; Court of Appeals, St. Louis, James Carry, J. M. Lockhart, B. F. Bourn, W. D. Burns, Judicial Convention, St. Joseph, J. M. Jayne, Charles K. Green, W. A. Tucker, R. G. Bull.

The convention instructed delegates for the following State officers: Gevernor, Joseph W. Folk; Secretary of State, R. W. Mitchell, State Auditor, Albert O. Allen; Attorney General, Elliot N. Major; Railway Commissioner, N. J. Winters; Court of Appeals, Charles E. Peers; Engress-Judge, Alexander M. Woodson; Lleutenant Governor, Thomas L. Rubey; District delegate to National Convention, J. W. McDermott.

Resolutions were adopted indorsing Senter Cockrell for the presidential pominastor Cockrell for the p

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favorably the withdrawal of some of the American warships now at Tangier. The presence of the American ships there has had the effect of attracting ships of other nationalities, including Italian and British, discrediting France's paramount influence in Morocco.

The American officials say that the United States warships will be promptly withdrawn if France undertaken the entire burden of securing the release of ion Perdicaris. Thus far, however, France, while offering to do sverything possible, has no desire to assume the entire burden of settling the incident.

# Comment in St. Petersburg.